



Dear Students, Parents and Music Educators,

Enclosed is the Reading Musical Foundation 2018 Scholarship Directory. This updated booklet includes all of our scholarship offerings, including audition-based, summer camp and private lesson/instrument upgrade requests. In addition to RMF scholarship offerings, a special back section highlights many of the area's performance and summer programs, such as the Berks Youth Chorus and Berks Summer Band Institute.

Please read through the booklet carefully, as students may be eligible for numerous scholarships. In addition to reading the requirements in the booklet, please be aware of the following:

Audition-Based Scholarship Information – YELLOW application (photocopies on white paper are fine) or APPLY ONLINE

- Auditions are Saturday, March 17, 2018 (Pre-College Awards) and Sunday, March 18, 2018 (College Tuition, Atonement & Voice)
- Please have the name of your accompanist at the time of applying. If you are unsure of available accompanists, or question if your piece should be performed with an accompanist, please consult with your music teacher prior to submitting the application. Students are not permitted to use recording accompaniments. Teachers may accompany students in grades 1-6 *only*. *RMF does have funds in memory of Becky Butler to be used towards helping students who cannot afford to hire an accompanist. Please contact the office with any questions.*
- The audition fee for students auditioning for merit-based scholarships is \$20. Each additional sibling's fee is \$10. (Example, the total cost of two siblings auditioning would be \$30). The fee is applied once per year, regardless of the number of awards for which the student auditions. Requests to waive the application fee due to financial circumstances should be directed to our office at (610) 376-3395.
- Recorded or streamed auditions will not be accepted.
- Unless otherwise stated, award monies are paid directly to the music teacher, camp, institution or music vendor. College tuition awards are prorated over two, four or eight semesters, depending on the amount of the award.
- A letter confirming the date, time and location/directions of your audition will be mailed prior to the audition. RMF will try our best to accommodate requests for certain time frames if your student has a specific conflict on the day of the audition, but such accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Please note the conflict and requested time frame on the application, as requests received after the audition times are scheduled are extremely difficult to honor.

Need-Sensitive Award Information – PURPLE for private study and instrument upgrades, BLUE for summer camp (photocopies on white paper are fine) or APPLY ONLINE:

- No audition or fee is required – decisions are made by RMF's Scholarship Committee.
- Students with financial need are preferred over those without noted need. Students and/or music teachers should mention financial need, if any, in their essay or letter of recommendation. Financial need can range from qualifying for a reduced lunch program to single parent families or limited disposable income. Due to the large number of applicants, applications with no mention of need are rarely funded.
- A new teacher recommendation form is available online for teachers to submit recommendations. The form is under "Scholarships" at www.readingmusicalfoundation.org.

For all Scholarships/Awards:

- **APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED AFTER THE NOTED DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If applying online, the application must be submitted by 11:59 PM on the deadline.
March 17, 2018 Auditions (Pre-College Awards) – Friday, January 26, 2018 Application Deadline
March 18, 2018 Auditions (College Tuition, Atonement & Voice) – Friday, January 26, 2018 Application Deadline
Summer Camp Scholarships – Friday, May 4, 2018 Application Deadline
- Students may apply online at www.readingmusicalfoundation.org.

Other Upcoming Scholarship Auditions

- Auditions programs offered by other Berks County organizations are listed on page 16. Many have deadlines prior to RMF's deadline, so please be sure to look at those immediately if interested.

Please feel free to contact Keri Shultz with any questions regarding the directory or scholarship program at (610) 376-3395 or kshultz@readingmusicalfoundation.org.